GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Drip/Micro Irrigation
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a scheme to promote drip/micro irrigation in the water stressed and areas across the country, including Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details of the area of land covered under the drip/micro-irrigation, State-wise;

(c) whether drip/micro-irrigation is widely used by farmers as a method of irrigation, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has proposed to increase the subsidy to the farmers under the drip/micro irrigation scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the various steps taken by Government for promotion of drip/micro irrigation in the entire country along with the funds allocated and utilized under the scheme during the last three years, State/ UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) during current financial year in which the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation has been included as one of the components, namely "Per Drop More Crop" to promote drip/ micro irrigation in the water stressed and areas across the country including Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.The State-wise details of the area of land covered under the drip/micro-irrigation is at Annexure-I.

(c): The Micro Irrigation technologies (both Drip and Sprinkler) are quite popular amongst the farmers and adoption rate is also high. The States of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Haryana Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh are leading States in coverage of area under Micro Irrigation.

(d): At present no proposal is under consideration of the Government to increase the subsidy to the farmers under the drip/micro-irrigation scheme.
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(e): Various steps taken by Government for promotion of micro irrigation include (i) Training and awareness programmes, (ii) Awareness through print media and radio & TV talks, (iii) Organization of workshops, seminars and interactive meetings, (iv) Publicity creation through Exhibitions, Fairs and Kisan Melas, (v) Publication of literature and (vi) Short duration films.

The position regarding Central Government share released and its utilization by States including Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during the last three years is at Annexure-II.